

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

State of Texas

DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION OF THE MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE UNIT AND AN ORGANIZATION CHART OF THE UNIT
(STATE OFFICE AND FIELD)

HHSC has established the State Medicaid Office which is headed by the State Medicaid Director who reports to the HHSC Commissioner. The State Medicaid Office functions as the State Medical Assistance Unit. The State Medicaid Director provides leadership and direction to the Medicaid program and supervises the program operations which are carried out in the 12 Health and Human Services (HHS) agencies. The HHSC State Medicaid Office is the central and final point of responsibility for the Medicaid program. The HHSC State Medicaid Office administers and supervises the actions of the HHS agencies in implementing the program operations.

Specifically the HHSC State Medicaid Office oversees, monitors, and evaluates the Medicaid program to ensure the HHS agencies are implementing the Medicaid programs according to the policies, rules and operational directions from the HHSC State Medicaid Office. The HHSC State Medicaid Office plans and directs the scope, content, and priorities of the Medicaid program within the present and anticipated financial resources available. The HHSC State Medicaid Office working with the HHS agencies develops methods of providing effective health and related services and maintains liaison with the providers of services. The HHSC State Medicaid Office analyzes and evaluates the Medicaid program using input from the HHS agencies. As a result of the program analyses and evaluations, the HHSC State Medicaid Office may require changes and corrective actions from the HHS agencies in the operations of the programs.

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The State Medicaid Office establishes the policy directions for Medicaid, administers and supervises the Medicaid State Plan, coordinates and provides support for the Medical Care Advisory Committee and its subcommittees, is the liaison with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), oversees federal funds management, provides for maintenance of interagency and provider contracts, submits reports to HCFA, and reviews and monitors program operations.

The HHSC State Medicaid Office has the authority to exercise administrative discretion in the administration and supervision of the plan. The HHSC State Medicaid Office issues the policies, rules, and program directions. The HHS agencies are not authorized to change or disapprove any administrative decision of the single state agency, or otherwise substitute their judgment for that of the agency as to the application of policies and rules issued by the HHSC State Medicaid Office.

Medicaid Policy Direction and Approval

In compliance with 42 CFR 431.10(e), the HHSC State Medicaid Office will not delegate to other than its own officials the authority to exercise administrative discretion in the administration of this state plan or to issue rules on program matters. The HHSC State Medicaid Office is the final policy making authority for the Medicaid program. It provides overall program planning and direction to the health and human service agencies that implement Medicaid programs. The HHS agencies under the commission do not have the authority to change or disapprove any administrative decision of the HHSC State Medicaid Office.

The HHSC State Medicaid Office sets the policy direction and ensures that single and multiple agency initiatives move in the HHSC's policy direction. The commission has four major policy-making methods: the strategic plan, the legislative appropriation request; the state plan; and the review and approval of rules.

The Medicaid Director approves all Medicaid policies before they are published. The HHS agencies are required to ensure that any proposed Medicaid policy is reviewed by the Medical Care Advisory Committee at the HHSC State Medicaid Office and the agency boards before being adopted. The HHS agencies publish the proposed Medicaid rules under the authority of the commission. The HHSC issues the final rules and authorizes the agency boards to adopt the rules.

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Agreement Between HHSC and the Health and Human Services Agencies

HHSC has agreements with the appropriate HHS agencies to implement this state plan under its rules. The agreements specify that as single state agency HHSC is responsible for directing the HHS agencies in matters related to this plan. The agreements include requirements that the HHS agencies must meet to ensure the HHSC's approval of Medicaid program rules, state plan amendments and interagency agreements, and to ensure coordination with HHSC on Medicaid-related activities. The HHS agencies are responsible for the day-to-day program operations under the direction of the HHSC pursuant to the agreements.

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